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Honorable Governor Howard Pyle
State Capitol Bldg.
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Pyle:

No doubt various plans and ideas have been submitted to you on juvenile delinquency of your fine state. An issue that is not only confronting your State but all the States throughout the country. It is a problem that can be solved if gone about the right way.

When you and I look back on our boyhood days, it was discipline at the right time with the help of the rod, that built our characters and our children's, of which you and I are justly proud of today.

But things are different today and I blame this terrible juvenile violence on parental neglect, yet better stated recently by our Honorable President Eisenhower as parental failure, however this dangerous condition is with us, and must be solved once and for all, otherwise our American way of life will disappear and you and I will have to accept the blame.

While I was Mayor of Racine, Wis. from 1931 to 1937 and to this date I have done considerable research as to juvenile delinquency especially among our high school boys and girls, in my years of study I have formulated a uniform plan that I believe if followed by all the states with the help of our Federal Government, the following can be accomplished.

1. Elimination of Child delinquency entirely.
2. Elimination of the use of narcotics and other vicious habits.
3. Elimination of various crimes amongst our teenagers.
4. Building up of sound health in bodies and minds.
5. Good future American citizens.

The above can be accomplished with honor, the American way, naturally it will require good State legislation and money but if we can accomplish the above no matter what it costs, it will be worth it.

My following plan is in the rough and if you think it has any merits I will be happy to appear before you and your committee and explain the soundness of the plan in its entirety.

My plan if adopted will require legislation to be passed whereby each boy or girl upon completion of high school must enter this health resort or lodge for a period of two years. It must be compulsory and no voluntary, otherwise it will not be a success. There will be separate lodges for boys and girls, You notice I call it a lodge not a camp, if we used the word camp the first thing the parents would think of is Hitler

and other dictators. The logical name would be the Teenage Health Resort or Lodge or Youth Resort or Lodge.

Now I believe there would be very little opposition, from the parents if they knew that their children were going to a health resort for a few years at government expense and return in an "A" rating as far as health and habits are concerned, because you and I know that 90% of our boys and girls cannot find employment for at least two or three years after they finish high school, for all cannot go to College, so this gives them nothing to do but form groups or cliques and the results are as you have it today, crime, delinquency, use of narcotics, etc.

This plan will eliminate all this because these lodges with the right supervision and teachers, etc., will accomplish this and may I say a certain percentage of the parents will be only too happy to get them out of their hair for a few years, especially if they have a child they don't seem able to control.

Now upon arriving at the Lodge a rigid health examination is required by our best doctors, then we will be able to detect any ailment, disease or narcotic habit, etc. You will be surprised to see what the X-rays will produce. Enclosed is a copy of a clipping as to what showed up here in Phoenix. These examinations will be the beginning of a more healthy generation to come. We must start somewhere. It is easier to cure a teenager than our older folks, believe it or not. All necessary buildings as to hospitals, clinic's, recreation, work-shops, housing, farm buildings, etc., must be at this lodge. The boys and girls must help to produce food for the lodge, or at least some of it. If any boy or girl arrives at the lodge in an unhealthy condition they cannot leave unless they are in good health.

The legislation must be so that each parent upon sending their boys or girls to the Lodge gives the Government the sole right, no matter what they have to do to restore them to a healthy condition, otherwise the whole plan would not be a success.

Now in order to have healthy bodies you must give them the right kind of food. Today we eat what we like, even though we know it is not good for us, no fault of our wives and mothers, they have never been taught otherwise. How many wives and mothers cook a balanced meal today? Very few.

However, each girl besides her recreational duties and studies will upon leaving the Lodge will be able to cook three good balanced meals per day, also know how to sew a button, etc.

The whole plan of course is to build up their health and bodies and if this is done their minds become clear and clean and with the proper teaching towards future womanhood and manhood and the pitfalls one may encounter in the future, this will help to make good citizens.

The food at the Lodge must be of the best at all times, properly balanced. There will be no smoking by anyone at anytime, no beverage, such as, beer, wine, liquor or sodas, just health juices. Why build up their health and bodies, then do things that would ruin it.

Now we have to give them entertainment of the best. We will call upon our Hollywood Stars, as we have during the past wars, and call upon our stars in the baseball, football, boxing, wrestling, swimming, track running, basketball, roller derby, western riders and rodeo's, and host of others. Employ stars of the above to teach the boy or girl the sports they want. You will be surprised of the hidden talent that will be found among these boys and girls.

Movies will be taken of every move at the Lodge to be shown at all schools, clubs, churches, so the folks back home can see what is being accomplished, this will build everyone's moral and the boy and girl in high school just can't wait until they have their chance to embark for the lodge.

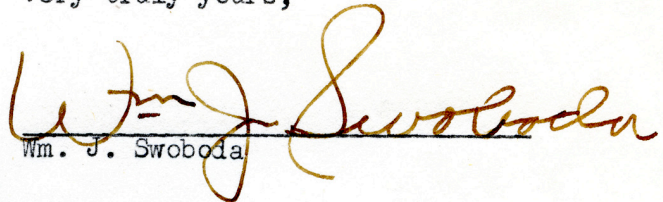
Now in order to build up their health and bodies sun and fresh air is required 365 days per year and the only state that can produce that is here in the Valley of the Sun, but the States can work that out easily, just use the army system where in the summer time the Lodges in the East, Middle West and North West to be used and during the winter the South, South East, and West can be used. The Business thing to do is if all the states could agree to build the lodges here in the Valley of the Sun it would cost each state a lot less and we would accomplish this whole plan much quicker because each boy and girl could be in the sun and fresh air each day throughout their 2 years at the Lodge.

Another idea to this plan is to get the boys and girls as far away from their home and hang-outs as possible, this will help the boy and girl to rely upon themselves to some degree. No one group can leave the Lodge unless they are chaperoned by a member of our staff, all mail in and out to be censored, this will help the staff to find out where if any of the peddlers of narcotics are if they supplied any teenagers before and other information, also that may be beneficial to our country.

I also have plans in mind of the construction of all buildings, the farm land needed, recreational center, religious centers, workshops, locations, etc.

I am sure Mr. Governor if the states would adopt a uniform plan the Federal government will help towards it financially. If we expect the Federal Government to do it all, well it just can't be done because I believe the problem is within each State and their local communities.

Very truly yours,


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